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### **Bullock Announces Technology Grant for Wolf Point's Frontier Elementary School**

HELENA – Governor Steve Bullock announced a grant of \$200,000 to be awarded to Frontier Elementary School District in Wolf Point to build a technology lab addition.

"Frontier Elementary School will now have the resources to equip students with the technology skills necessary for a twenty-first century education," said Governor Bullock. "We owe it to Montana students to provide them a high-quality learning environment, that prepares them to fill the jobs of tomorrow."

Frontier Elementary School faces increased enrollment due to the oil and gas development in the Bakken region. The growing student population has resulted in more classes being held in the classroom currently being used as a computer lab, decreasing the amount of time that students and staff are able to utilize the computers for learning technology skills. The project, funded by the Quality Schools Grant Program, will provide an addition to the existing lab, create a dedicated area for students to learn and use the technology equipment, and free up extra classroom space for the rising student population.

The Quality Schools Grant Program was created by the 2009 Legislature as part of the State's long-term funding program for K-12 public school facility needs. The program prioritizes funds that are allocated to school facility improvements that create jobs and protect the health and safety of Montana's students.

More information on the Quality Schools Grant Program may be found by contacting the Community Development Division staff at 841-2770 or DOCQualitySchools@mt.gov.

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